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Mirosław Magola alias Magnetic Man with officials in charge at the shrine.

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Kanda Shrine – also known as Kanda Myōjin – is a vibrant and historic Shinto shrine nestled in the heart of Tokyo's Chiyoda ward, just a short walk from Akihabara. Here's what makes it special:

Highlights of Kanda Shrine:

Founded in 730 AD, it has nearly 1,300 years of history and was a key spiritual site during the Edo period.

Enshrines three major kami: Daikokuten (god of wealth), Ebisu (god of commerce), and Taira no Masakado, a legendary samurai rebel.

Known for its Zuishin-mon gate, a striking vermilion structure rebuilt in 1995 using traditional cypress wood.

Popular among tech enthusiasts – thanks to its proximity to Akihabara, it even offers talismans to protect electronic devices.

Cultural Significance:

Hosts the Kanda Matsuri, one of Tokyo's three great Shinto festivals, held in May of odd-numbered years.

A favorite spot for business people and entrepreneurs seeking blessings for prosperity and success.

Kanda Shrine's 1,300th anniversary is a monumental celebration of one of Tokyo's oldest and most culturally significant Shinto shrines. Founded in 730 AD, the shrine has stood as a spiritual guardian of the city through centuries of change from the rise of Edo to the modern metropolis of Tokyo.

To mark this incredible milestone, the shrine launched a commemorative project that includes the EDOCCO Cultural Exchange Center, a modern facility designed to share traditional Japanese culture with visitors from around the world. It blends ancient heritage with contemporary experiences – think amulet vending machines alongside centuries-old rituals!

This anniversary isn't just about looking back – it's a vibrant reminder of how tradition continues to evolve and inspire.